

Following the completion of his military service, he entered the new College of Architecture at the University of Houston. He graduated in 1952 with bachelor degrees in Science and Architecture. He had the good fortune to be a student of both Donald Barthelme and Howard Bamstone. The University of Houston hosts the Kenneth E. Bentsen Architectural Papers in the UH Library's Special Collections.

His first practical experience was with the firm Mackie and Kamrath. In 1958, he opened Kenneth Bentsen Associates Architects where he practiced until 1991. He chose to sell the firm following the completion of one of his most interesting projects, the 1,038,000 square foot Texas Children's Hospital Complex in the Texas Medical Center. It was the largest children's hospital in the United States at that time.

One of his favorite commissions was the City of Houston Summit Sports Arena, the original home of the Houston Rockets, which is now Lakewood Church. Another favorite was the Southwest Tower of the Bank of the Southwest. Perhaps the most rewarding of all of his projects was the opportunity to design 18 structures at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, now the University of Texas—Pan Am.

He also designed the State Bar Center in Austin; the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas, Austin; the William Levin Learning Center and the Allied Health and Nursing School at University of Texas, Galveston; Agnes Arnold Hall and Phillip Guthrie Hoffman Hall at the University of Houston. For the Agnes Arnold Hall, he received the Award of Merit for Achievement of Excellence from the U.S. Office of Education, the American Institute of Architects and the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Architectural Excellence from the University of Houston.

The firm's design excellence was recognized with more than 100 architectural design awards. In 1971, Kenneth was inducted into the American Institute of Architecture College of Fellows (F.A.I.A.) in the Excellence of Design category. He was the first graduate of the University of Houston to be honored in this category.

He served on the National American Institute of Architects Committee on Design, The Houston and Texas Chapters of the American Institute of Architects, the Texas Commission on the Arts, as well as the boards of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Gallery at the University of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital.

Kenneth was born in Mission, Texas on the 21st of November 1926 to Edna Colbath Bentsen and Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr., who preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, he is survived by children: Molly Bates Bentsen, Betty Bentsen Newton and husband Stephen, Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr. and wife Tamra, William Lloyd Bentsen; grandchildren: Emmie Bentsen Zimmerman and husband Zachary, Elizabeth Newton, Louise Bentsen, Camille Newton and Meredith Bentsen; and great grandchildren: Chloe Zimmerman and Bentsen Zimmerman. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Bentsen Winn of McAllen; and sister-in-law, B.A. Bentsen of Houston; and many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. and Donald L. Bentsen.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1961 (Roll No. 484) and in favor of H. Res. 354 (Roll No. 485).

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 486, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING UPS FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF 20 NORTHBROOK CIRCLE OF HONOR DRIVERS

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Northbrook UPS for its outstanding commitment to community service, to recognize the incredible safety records of 20 Circle of Honor drivers and to congratulate UPS on 106 years of business excellence.

What started as a small-time messenger service has grown into one of the world's most recognizable companies. Over the years, UPS has revolutionized the way we all do business and connected every corner of the world in ways we never thought possible. After 106 years of excellence, I look forward to what will come next.

At the local level, UPS has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the community. In Illinois, UPS employees have logged more than 26,000 volunteer hours, and 1,800 of those were performed by employees from my district, Mr. Speaker. Beyond this dedication to community service, UPS employees are also committed to keeping our community safe.

With drivers on the road and pilots in the air every day, UPS has made safety paramount. In Northbrook, 20 drivers have qualified for the Circle of Honor, meaning 25 accident-free years on the road. This is an exemplary record, and I would like to honor the following drivers for achieving this mark:

John Hayes; Donald Babo; Brian Behm; Douglas Caldwell; Phillip Guido; Henry Sielck; Randall Kaufman; Steve Makowski; Will Woodfork JR.; Joseph Nowik; Steven Kass SR.; Douglas Soriano; Stephen Mann; James Twarowski; John Hill; Timothy Schwellenbach; John Truska; Richard Forney; Neil McGreevy; Robert Janiak.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate these drivers and thank UPS for its outstanding community service and leadership.

## IN HONOR OF THE BIG SUR LAND TRUST

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Big Sur Land Trust on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary. I have a deep personal history with and love for Big Sur's land and people. So it is a true personal honor to share the tribute with the House.

In 1978, seven families came together to ensure that Big Sur, California's beauty and quality of life would be preserved for later generations. Around kitchen tables and over potluck dinners, they decided that a land trust would enable their vision, and so was born the Big Sur Land Trust. These visionaries included Zad and Laela Leavy, Sherna and Kipp Stewart, Roger and Beverly Newell, Nancy Hopkins, Lloyd and Pat Addleman, Martin and Suzanne Forster, and Peter Harding. The Land Trust's first president was Nancy Hopkins, and Zad Leavy later served as its first executive director, devoting 25 years to the cause of conservation.

They thought big from the start. The Trust's first acquisition encompassed over 3,000 acres now known as the Circle M Ranch on the southern Big Sur Coast. It was a pioneering example of how to connect a conservation buyer, in this case David Packard, with the principles of stewardship and community collaboration in order to protect natural resources. This transaction even attracted national attention.

For the last thirty-five years, the Big Sur Land Trust has continued in this tradition by working with private landowners and conservation partners to ensure the conservation of more than 40,000 acres in Monterey County. Thanks to many generous donors and members, an interconnected network of parks, natural landscapes, trails, ranch- and farmlands, wildlife corridors, and coastal rivers and streams has been set aside for community benefit. Some of the most notable of these projects include 9,980 acres of the Palo Corona Ranch, 1,312 acres of the Point Lobos Ranch, 89 acres at the Odello Fields, and the 316 acres Whisler-Wilson Ranch. The Land Trust has also supported several conservation projects in the Salinas Valley as part of its effort to expand its conservation mission county wide. Some of these projects include conservation easements the Violini Ranch, the Dorrance Ranch, and the Arroyo Seco Ranch.

In an effort to broaden its impact and be in greater service to communities across Monterey County and the Salinas Valley, in 2007 the Land Trust acquired the 816-acre Marks Ranch near Salinas where the Land Trust partners with ranchers, artists, biologists, youth groups, and others to give urban youth the opportunity to experience the natural world. It is also using Glen Deven above the Big Sur Coast for more sustained and intimate wilderness experiences.

The Land Trust's journey over the past thirty-five years built accomplishments and inspired dreams that its founders could not have imagined: more than 40,000 acres conserved; a membership of 1,200 active community leaders, and a permanent home in an historic Monterey adobe. Its new strategic plan lays